



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An image transmitting method for transmitting an image from a client computer to a service server, the method comprising:

enabling selection of the image to be transmitted;

enabling selection of one of a plurality of menu buttons, wherein each of the plurality of menu buttons correspond to one of a plurality of services including an image storage service, an image print service and a mobile phone screen service;

enabling selection of a menu update button, which updates information associated with the plurality of menu ~~buttons~~ buttons;

~~obtaining image information limited by a destination service server;~~ a service content definition file in which image information limited by a destination service server is included;

determining whether the selected image has image information suitable for the limited image information;

performing image processing such that image information of the selected image is suitable for the limited image information when the image information of the selected image is unsuitable for the limited image information; and

transmitting the selected image to the service server without any processing when the selected image has image information suitable for the limited image information, and transmitting to the service server the selected image being subjected to image processing when the image information is unsuitable for the limited image information.

2. (Original) The method of transmitting an image according to claim 1, wherein the image information includes at least one of an image size, a file size, compressibility, an image format, and an image aspect ratio.

3. (Previously Amended) The image transmitting method according to claim 1, wherein:

the client computer starts predetermined image display programs to offer a list of images on a display, and the client computer displays the plurality of menu buttons based on menu button information corresponding to various service servers;

the image to be transmitted is selected from the list of images by using a pointing device;
and

a desired menu button is selected from the plurality of menu buttons so that access is made to a service server corresponding to the selected menu button.

4. (Original) The method of transmitting an image according to claim 3, wherein the image information includes at least one of an image size, a file size, compressibility, an image format, and an image aspect ratio.

5. (Original) The image transmitting method according to claim 3, wherein the image information limited by the destination service server is included in menu button information corresponding to the service server.

6. (Original) The method of transmitting an image according to claim 5, wherein the image information includes at least one of an image size, a file size, compressibility, an image format, and an image aspect ratio.

7. (Original) The image transmitting method according to claim 1, wherein the client computer inquires image information limited by the destination service server prior to transmission of the selected image, and the client computer obtains the limited image information from the service server.

8. (Original) The method of transmitting an image according to claim 7, wherein the image information includes at least one of an image size, a file size, compressibility, an image format, and an image aspect ratio.

9. (Previously Amended) The image transmitting method according to claim 7, wherein:
the client computer starts predetermined image display programs to offer a list of images on a display, and the client computer displays the plurality of menu buttons based on menu button information corresponding to various service servers;
the image to be transmitted is selected from the list of images by using a pointing device;
and
a desired menu button is selected from the variety of menu buttons so that access is made to a service server corresponding to the selected menu button.

10. (Original) The method of transmitting an image according to claim 9, wherein the image information includes at least one of an image size, a file size, compressibility, an image format, and an image aspect ratio.

11. (Original) The image transmitting method according to claim 9, wherein the image information limited by the destination service server is included in menu button information corresponding to the service server.

12. (Original) The method of transmitting an image according to claim 11, wherein the image information includes at least one of an image size, a file size, compressibility, an image format, and an image aspect ratio.

13. (Currently Amended) An image transmitting system for transmitting an image from a client computer to a service server, the system comprising:

the client computer comprising:

an image selecting device which enables selection of the image to be transmitted;

a button selecting device which enables selection of one of a plurality of menu buttons, wherein each of the plurality of menu buttons correspond to one of a plurality of services including an image storage service, an image print service and a mobile phone screen service;

enabling selection of a menu update button, which updates information associated with the plurality of menu buttons;

~~an image information obtaining device~~ a service content definition file obtaining device which obtains ~~image information limited by a destination service server~~ a service content definition file in which image information limited by a destination service is included;

a determining device which determines whether image information of an image selected by the image selecting device is suitable for image information obtained by the image information obtaining device;

an image processing device which processes the selected image such that image information of the selected image is suitable for the limited image information when image information of the selected image is unsuitable for the limited image information; and

a device which transmits a selected image to the service server without any processing when image information of the selected image is suitable for the limited image information, and which transmits to the service server the selected image processed by the image processing device when the image information is unsuitable for the limited image information; and

the service server comprising:

an image information storing device which stores image information limited by the service server;

a device which transmits image information stored in the image information storing device to the client computer in response to request for obtaining image information from the client computer; and

a device which receives a selected image transmitted from the client computer and performs image service on the selected image.

14. (Original) The image transmitting system according to claim 13, wherein the image information includes at least one of an image size, a file size, compressibility, an image format, and an image aspect ratio.

15. (New) An image transmitting method for transmitting an image from a client computer to a service server, the method comprising:

enabling selection of the image to be transmitted;

enabling selection of one of a plurality of menu buttons, wherein each of the plurality of menu buttons correspond to one of a plurality of services including an image storage service, an image print service and a mobile phone screen service;

enabling selection of a menu update button, which updates information associated with the plurality of menu buttons;

obtaining a service content definition file in which image information limited by a destination service server is included;

determining whether the selected image has image information suitable for the limited image information;

performing image processing such that image information of the selected image is suitable for the limited image information when the image information of the selected image is unsuitable for the limited image information; and

transmitting the selected image to the service server without any processing when the selected image has image information suitable for the limited image information, and transmitting to the service server the selected image being subjected to image processing when the image information is unsuitable for the limited image information,

wherein menu button information, which is distributed from the menu server when the menu is updated, includes image information limited by a service server corresponding to each menu button.

16. (New) An image transmitting system for transmitting an image from a client computer to a service server, the system comprising:

the client computer comprising:

an image selecting device which enables selection of the image to be transmitted;

a button selecting device which enables selection of one of a plurality of menu buttons, wherein each of the plurality of menu buttons correspond to one of a plurality of services including an image storage service, an image print service and a mobile phone screen service, enabling selection of a menu update button, which updates information associated with the plurality of menu buttons;

a service content definition file obtaining device which obtains a service content definition file in which image information limited by a destination service is included:

a determining device which determines whether image information of an image selected by the image selecting device is suitable for image information obtained by the image information obtaining device;

an image processing device which processes the selected image such that image information of the selected image is suitable for the limited image information when image information of the selected image is unsuitable for the limited image information; and

a device which transmits a selected image to the service server without any processing when image information of the selected image is suitable for the limited image information, and which transmits to the service server the selected image processed by the image processing device when the image information is unsuitable for the limited image information; and

the service server comprising:

an image information storing device which stores image information limited by the service server;

a device which transmits image information stored in the image information storing device to the client computer in response to request for obtaining image information from the client computer; and

a device which receives a selected image transmitted from the client computer and performs image service on the selected image,

wherein menu button information, which is distributed from the menu server when the menu is updated, includes image information limited by a service server corresponding to each menu button.